

no other options available. Mentis achieves excellent results well above the national average, with 80 percent of its clients reporting improvements in emotional wellness and daily functioning.

Mentis is the oldest continually operating non-profit in Napa County, and in its 70 years of service, Mentis has proven to be a mental health champion for all of our Napa community. With the help of partners all around the County, Mentis runs a diversity of programs including supportive housing programs, dementia and depression interventions for older residents and those recovering from natural disasters. Its work was invaluable during the October 2017 wildfires. The staff at Mentis provided support and counsel for 700 individuals and families who were affected by the fires that tore through our community.

Mr. Speaker, Mentis, Napa's Center for Mental Health Services, has been an incredible resource for our community for the last 70 years. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor its continued service here today.

CONGRATULATING ANNA HEACOCK
OF THE FESTUS TIGERS

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 12, 2018

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Anna Heacock of the Festus Tigers for her first-place finish in the 300m Hurdles at the 2018 Missouri Class 2 State Track and Field Championship.

Anna and her coach should be commended for all of their hard work throughout this past year and for bringing home the state championship to their school and community.

I ask you to join me in recognizing Anna Heacock for a job well done.

TRIBUTE TO JOHN MACK

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 12, 2018

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a great American and South Carolina native, John Mack. John, the former longtime President of the Los Angeles Urban League who spent eight years on L.A.'s Police Commission passed away June 21st after a long battle with cancer. He was 81 years old and will be sorely missed.

The Los Angeles Times recently wrote John Mack was "one of L.A.'s most influential black figures" on the subject of police reform. He led the Los Angeles Urban League through wide-ranging and significant changes for nearly 36 years. He saw the election of the first black mayor in Tom Bradley, the advancement of African Americans in prominent positions in the city and the emergence of a growing black-Latino coalition, and gained international recognition in 1992 when leading then-President George H.W. Bush on a tour after the 1992 Los Angeles riots that were precipitated by the arrest and videotaped beating of Rodney King by members of the Los Angeles po-

lice Department; and called for the resignation of then-Police Chief Daryl F. Gates.

The Times continued, "[t]hrough the Urban League he offered services to some of L.A.'s most disenfranchised citizens" and "improved the lives of countless black and brown people in the city." Even after his retirement from his official duties, Mack remained influential behind the scenes and recently played a key role in the hiring of a new police chief strong on police reform and the effort to eradicate police brutality and racism within the LAPD.

John Mack was born in Kingstree, South Carolina on January 6, 1937, and grew up in Darlington, South Carolina. His father was a Methodist minister and his mother a public school teacher. Being PKs (preacher's kids), was a bond we shared throughout our many years of friendship. He attended North Carolina A&T State University, where he was the president of the NAACP chapter. He graduated in 1958 with a degree in applied sociology. He later earned a master's degree in social work from Clark Atlanta University.

John began his professional career in Oxnard, California at the Camarillo State Mental Hospital. He later served as the executive director of the Flint Urban League in Flint, Michigan from 1964 to 1969. He returned to California for good in 1969.

In 1959, John married Harriet Johnson Mack, an elementary school teacher, who preceded him in death. They had three children.

Mr. Speaker, I ask the House to join me in acknowledging the work and leadership of the late great John Mack.

CONGRATULATING EMMA
HOMFELDT OF THE CALVARY
LUTHERAN LIONS

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 12, 2018

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating Emma Homfeldt of the Calvary Lutheran Lions for her first-place finish in the 800m Run at the 2018 Missouri Class 1 State Track and Field Championship.

Emma and her coach should be commended for all of their hard work throughout this past year and for bringing home the state championship to their school and community.

I ask you to join me in recognizing Emma Homfeldt for a job well done.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO LARRY LANDIS
ON THE OCCASION OF HIS
RETIREMENT AS EXECUTIVE
DIRECTOR OF THE INDIANA
PUBLIC DEFENDER COUNCIL

HON. SUSAN W. BROOKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, July 12, 2018

Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Larry Landis on the occasion of his retirement as Executive Director of the Indiana Public Defender Council. For the past 41 years, Larry has devoted his life to ensuring those unable to afford counsel have ex-

ceptional legal representation. For the entirety of his career, Larry was instrumental in public defense reforms, developing and advising talented lawyers, and encouraging others to become public defenders. The people of Indiana's Fifth Congressional District are forever grateful for Larry's commitment to the law and for educating decades of Indiana law students.

A lifelong Hoosier, Larry was raised in Highland, Indiana. He attended Indiana University where he graduated with a bachelor's degree in business in 1969. Interested in the legal system, he earned his juris doctorate from the Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law in 1973. A true public servant, Larry began his law career as a deputy state public defender. His passion for legislation advocacy led him to work on criminal code reform in 1976, 1977, and in 2014, which focused on ensuring Indiana's criminal justice system values restoration over punishment. Throughout his career, Larry worked with the Indiana General Assembly in crafting criminal and juvenile justice bills. His many appearances testifying before the Indiana General Assembly, as well as providing significant input on most bills affecting the criminal justice system has been invaluable to the state of Indiana.

An exceptional leader, Larry helped establish the Indiana Public Defender Council when it was created in 1977. In 1980, he became Executive Director where he conducted over 350 seminars and workshops, published six manuals and numerous articles on criminal defense, and lectured on a variety of criminal justice topics. He later drafted legislation that created the Indiana Public Defender Commission in 1989, an organization that recommends standards for low income defense in capital cases, adopts guidelines of salary and fee schedules for individual county reimbursement eligibility, and reviews and approves requests for reimbursement in capital and non-capital cases. Ever dedicated to the Commission's mission, Larry now serves as an advisor.

Passionate about education, Larry became an adjunct professor in trial advocacy at IU McKinney Law School in 1981, where he founded the Trial Skills Practice course. Larry recruited a network of highly respected and qualified trial lawyers and judges to teach, providing students with an exceptional experiential learning experience. As a third year IU McKinney Law student in 1985, I am among the countless lawyers who benefited from Larry Landis's Trial Skills Practice class. More importantly, a multitude of clients have benefited from the enhanced skills of those fortunate enough to have participated in this critically important course for future trial lawyers.

Larry has been honored with numerous awards in the public and private sectors. Notably, he received the Hoosier Freedom Award from the Indiana Trial Lawyers Association in 2012, the Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching from Indiana University-Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI) in 2010, as well as the Part-Time Teaching Award from Indiana University President Michael McRobbie, in 2010. Additionally, he received the Marc Emery Award from the Marion County Public Defender Agency Board of Directors in 2007, the Distinguished Teaching Award from Indiana University School of Law in Indianapolis in 1998 and 1999, the Reginald Heber Smith Award from the National Legal Aid and Defender Association in 1996, and the Criminal